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RE: Thappa application for U.S. Patent entitled: "CLOSED END INFUSION CATHETER WITH AN INTRODUCER AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME"; Serial No.: 09/695,116; Filed Oct. 24, 2000; Atty. Docket No.: THA-P-00-001

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Dear Examiner Ghafoorian:

Pursuant to your request we are forwarding a copy of a response to restriction requirement and amendment for the above-identified application previously filed on June 3, 2002 in the U.S. Patent Office.

If you need additional information or if you have any questions regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Linda M. Saltiel

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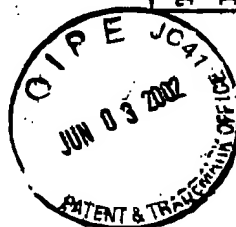
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

- Sub C1*
- B1*
1. A catheter for placing within a body, the catheter comprising:
 - a flexible hollow body defining a length between a top end and a bottom end wherein the top end is closed and wherein the top end tapers to a cylindrical tube;
 - a diameter defined by the cylindrical tube;
 - a width defined by the bottom end of the flexible body wherein the width is greater than the diameter;
 - a locking mechanism located on the bottom end of the flexible body;
 - a first notch located a distance from a point at which the top end meets the cylindrical tube; and
 - a second notch located a distance from the bottom end;
 - a cylindrical body defining a cross with a length defined between a pointed end and a flat end;
 - a first part having a uniform width and a length defined between the pointed end and the flat end;

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